(a) the number of titles registered with the Registrar of Newspapers of India as daily, weekly, fortnightly, monthly etc. in Tamil Nadu, category-wise;

(b) whether all these titles are in circulation currently;

(c) whether these titles are kept confidential; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) As per records, the total number of 3303 titles have been registered with Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI) from Tamil Nadu as on 31.3.2004. Out of this, 391 are dailies, 53 tri/biweekly, 509 weeklies, 350 fortnightlies, 1695 monthlies, 182 quarterlies, 28 annuals and 95 with other periodicities.

(b) Circulation of the publications of the registered titles is known to RNI only from the annual statement submitted by the publishers. As per records of RNI out of 3303 registered titles only 214 newspapers have submitted annual statement for the year 2003-04.

(c) No, Sir. All the titles registered with RNI are available on the website of RNI www.rni.nic.in.

(d) Does not arise.

Crime Based Programmes on TV Channels

†3330. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of crime related programmes based on the true incidents telecast on various TV channels;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to take action against the said organisation/offices and anti-social elements shown in the above programmes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) (a) This Ministry does not maintain the records of TV programmes of various private channels.

(b) to (d) Registration, investigation and prosecution of cases arising out of criminal incidents is the responsibility of State governments. However, the Union Government has, from time to time, been advising the State Governments to improve the criminal justice system and in particular to take effective measures for prevention of crimes against vulnerable sections of the society such as women, children, members of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, old persons and religious and linguistic minorities. The data with regard to specific incidents is not maintained in the Ministry.

Discussion on the eradication of piracy

†3331. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to discuss the issue of eradication of piracy with the State Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had received any proposal from the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (d) During the recently concluded 25th State Information Ministers' Conference (SIMCON) held from 15-16 April 2005, discussions were held, *inter-alia*, on the issue of piracy. While some measures were considered in order to deter piracy in the film and music industry, no specific proposal has been received from any State Government in this regard.

Publication of Foreign newspapers

†3332. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

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